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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH BEING FELON IN
POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHARLES T. DUNSON, 26, Indianapolis, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for possession of a firearm by a person previously convicted of a felony. This prosecution follows an investigation by the Indianapolis Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and is part of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative.

_____ On August 23, 2006, an Indianapolis Police officer responded to a dispatch from a 911 call. The caller told the dispatcher that a man was asleep behind the wheel of a car parked on the street in the 2700 block of North Highland Place. The caller further stated that this man had a pistol in his hand. The responding police officer approached the car, saw CHARLES T.

DUNSON apparently asleep behind the wheel, and removed a loaded 9mm handgun from DUNSON' s hand. The indictment further alleges that DUNSON was previously convicted of Carrying a Handgun Without a License, a Class C Felony, in 2000 in Marion County, Indiana.

According to First Assistant United States Attorney Timothy M. Morrison, who is prosecuting the case for the government, DUNSON faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 on each charge. An initial hearing on the indictment will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis. DUNSON was ordered detained pending resolution of his case, following a hearing before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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